

**Customer No.  
27123**

PATENT

Docket No. 1232-5138

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Takayuki KIKUCHI  
Serial No.: 10/659,197  
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For: LENS APPARATUS AND IMAGE PICKUP SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 2622  
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Examiner: Hung H. LAM

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

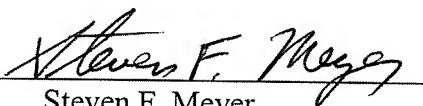
In response to the Official Action dated April 5, 2007, the applicant wishes to elect Species 1: Figures 1 to 3 which correspond to Claims 1 to 6.

Should the Restriction and/or Election Requirement be made final, Applicant expressly reserves the right to represent the non-elected claims (i.e., claims 7 to 13) in a divisional application, if necessary.

Applicants believe that no fee is due for the submission of this response. However, Applicants hereby authorizes Commissioner to charge any fees, including fees which may be required for timely consideration of this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-5138). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

Respectfully submitted,  
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